HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN THE BIG FREEZE??

These statements to follow are mostly things heard in passing so they may or may not be true. Will give you some idea of what it was like over the state.

Mrs. Tipton says: ALL ours in the ground are gone, Earl Barham has grand plants, and Floyd Call lost some, but has lots, still.

We heard Herb Gilliard lost all his, also Bill Cutler and Pagano.

Philo says: Please eliminate our ad from the next issue, we have nothing to sell. We have lost over 600 varieties.

Monroe lost most of the plants in the ground too. He ran the sprinklers and had a beautiful field of ice. Some of those encased in ice are showing signs of life.

Most of the plants in the southern end of the state are OK. Tony Kuhn and Bass didn't have any damage.

This note came from H. S. Moles in Baton Rouge, La. We have had another hard freeze again this winter (11 degrees). I rebuilt my houses this past fall and lost nothing this time. I use no heat but use a tight bin about 75 feet long and width of cold frames which I use on top. The bin is about 5 feet high on the back which is the north side. We use a solid board back covered with heavy cardboard and this covered with tar paper. The top is sloped with the front (south side) about 2½ feet high. The ends and south side are covered with a heavy plastic. No additional protection is needed unless the temperature drops below 30° when we throw leaves on top of the glass. If the temperature drops below 22° we tack cardboard or tar paper over the plastic. Even with a 11° temperature we lost nothing. Most of my plants are in 30# tin cans, some are in gallons.

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NEW JUDGES

Seniors:

Mr. & Mrs. John R. Wallace, 2675 John Anderson Dr.
Ormond Beach, Florida.

Mr. D. U. Donaldson, Box 1084, Vero Beach, Fla.

Juniors:

Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Trainor, 2612 Helms Road SE,
Winter Haven, Florida.

Before the shows start this year a new list will be made up. If you need one let the Executive Secretary know.

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HIBISCUS by HUDSON

863 Madison Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida

Some people are moaning - "I'll never buy another Hibiscus." Still more are planning to start anew - that's us too!! We fortunately lost very few of our small grafts and own roots for '63.

No increase - rather a small reduction in prices.

It has been said - A plant can be replaced but what about a frozen soul?

All sunny skies would be too bright,
All morning hours mean too much light,
All laughing days too gay a strain;
There must be clouds, and night, and rain,
And shut-in days, to make us see
The beauty of life's tapestry.

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Men say women can't be trusted too far - - women say men can't be trusted too near.